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**FOCUS on the
FINISH LINE**









Running the Race of Discipleship is Hard Work

2 Timothy 2:1-26

5 Qualities of a Disciple-Maker:

- 1. Works Hard**
- 2. Teaches Others**
- 3. Rightly Handles the Word**
- 4. Speaks Carefully**
- 5. Departs from Sin**

A Disciple-Maker Works Hard.

**v.1 ...be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ
Jesus,**

**v.3-6 Share in suffering as a good soldier...An
athlete is not crowned unless... It is the hard-
working farmer who ought to have the first share of
the crops.**

**v.15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one
approved, a worker...**

A Disciple-Maker Teaches Others.

v.2 and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

v.24-25 And the Lord's servant must (be)...able to teach... correcting his opponents with gentleness.

A Disciple-Maker Rightly Handles the Word.

v.8-9 ...as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!

v.15 ...rightly handling the word of truth.

Isaiah 55:10-11

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.



**A Disciple-Maker Rightly Handles the Word.
v.15 ...rightly handling the word of truth.**

A Disciple-Maker Speaks Carefully.

v.14 ...charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers.

v.16 -17 But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, and their talk will spread like gangrene.

v.23-25 Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies...And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone... correcting his opponents with gentleness.

A Disciple-Maker Departs from Sin.

v.19 ... "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

v.21-22...if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy... So flee youthful passions...

Remember Why We Do This

v.8-10 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!

Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

Remember Why We Do This

v. 24-26 And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

Tyler's Story

Becoming a Disciple-Maker:

- 1. Work Hard**
- 2. Teach Others**
- 3. Study the Word**
- 4. Speak Carefully**
- 5. Depart from Sin**

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